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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Amendment filed 12/12/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3 and 5-29.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Kenneth L. Sherman (applicant's attorney) on August 18, 2006.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

Claim 1, lines 8-10, change "a vocal channel that receives the singing voice collected by the input device and generate a vocal output, separate from the mixed output, thereby effecting dedicated output of the singing voice with the song." to --a vocal channel that receives the singing voice collected by the input device and generate a vocal output, wherein the mixed output and the vocal output are channeled such that the vocal output is output separately from the mixed output, thereby effecting dedicated output of the singing voice with the song.--.

Claim 10, lines 10-12, change "a vocal channel that receives the vocal signal from the input device and generate a vocal output signal, for transducing separate from the mixed output signal, thereby effecting dedicated output of the singing voice with the karaoke song." to --a vocal channel that receives the vocal signal from the input device and generate a vocal output signal, wherein the mixed output and the vocal output are channeled such that the vocal output is output separately from the mixed output, thereby effecting dedicated output of the singing voice with the karaoke song.--.

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Claim 20, lines 8-10, change "generating a vocal output from the collected singing voice, for transducing separate from the mixed output, thereby effecting dedicated play of the singing voice along with the karaoke song." to --generating a vocal output from the collected singing voice, wherein the mixed output and the vocal output are channeled such that the vocal output is output separately from the mixed output, thereby effecting dedicated play of the singing voice with the karaoke song.--.

Claim 25, line 2, change "output signal" to --signal--.

Claim 28, line 1, change "mail channel" to --main channel--.

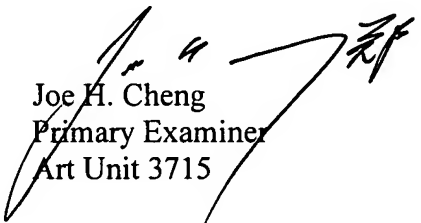
Claim 29, line 1, change "mail channel" to --main channel--.

Cancel claim 4.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joe H. Cheng whose telephone number is (571)272-4433. The examiner can normally be reached on Tue.- Fri..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Olszewski can be reached on (571)272-6788. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-272-3700.

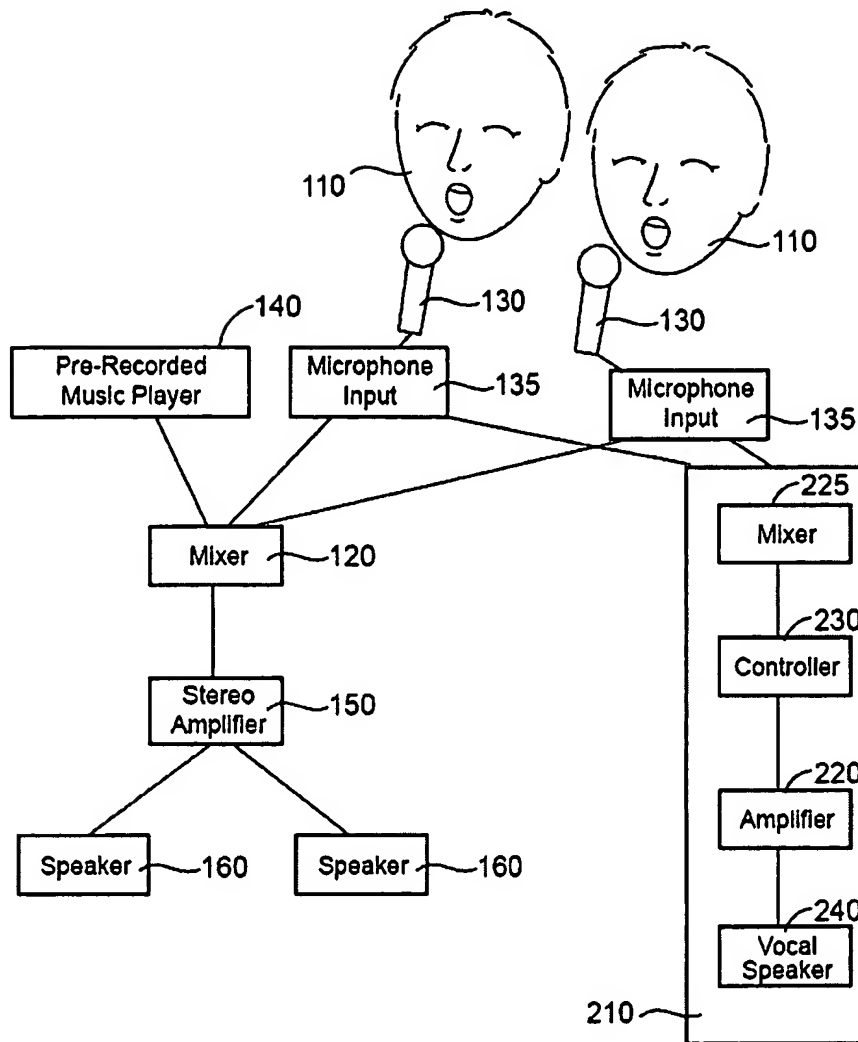
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FIG. 7